



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2021

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Provide food free of charge to local community partner agencies as well as directly to families, children, senior citizens and individuals in need to address food insecurity throughout the state of Florida. Farm Share will also partner with law enforcement agencies to use the power of food to help reduce crime in high crime neighborhoods and improve law enforcement/community relations. Farm Share is a critical first responder during natural disasters and is first on the scene to provide immediate food, water and other aide. This includes continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	4,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	5,000,000	55%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	3,200,000	35%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	900,000	10%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>9,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	434,909	1,200,000	1526	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

State funding is currently the best option for providing re-occurring and consistent dollars to enable Farm Share to operate its statewide feeding program. Farm Share is working on developing a better private corporate, individual, foundation donor network to help supplement or eventually replace its reliance on state dollars to carry out operations. This process will take time to develop and create. Our goal is to generate sufficient dollars within 5-10 years.



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**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes

**If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.**

Farm Share received federal CARES and FFRCA dollars through the TEFAP program, local government pass thru dollars and the PPP program. In total Farm Share received approximately \$7.2 million dollars in federal assistance to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PPP monies were spent on payroll expenses and rent. The TEFAP dollars were spent to administer the TEFAP program. The local pass thru dollars were used to purchase additional food, equipment, supplies and operation expenses.

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	0	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Administration, recordkeeping, operations management	218,447
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Supplies, copy machines, computers, etc...	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Audit and Accounting	65,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Programming staff, employees (truck drivers, warehouse workers, etc....). Farm Share provides employment for more than 55 employees statewide.	514,104
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational costs (fuel, truck repairs, capital asset acquisition, purchase of new semi-trucks and box trucks, fork lifts, storage bins, etc...) Farm Share maintains and operates 7 regional warehouses as well as a fleet of 9 semi-trucks and trailers and 20 refrigerated box trucks.	3,627,449
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Installation of additional coolers, freezers and compressors to enable Farm Share to increase capacity to meet the substantially increased food insecurity demand/need; acquisition of additional trucks for the same purpose	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>5,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

**a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?**

Acquisition and Distribution of healthy and nutritious fruits, vegetables and other non-perishable food products and proteins to families, children, seniors and individuals in need throughout Florida. Farm Share is also engaged in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic which has increased the need for food by 200% and increased Florida's food insecurity rate by 5% from 13% to 19%. Farm Share has already distributed more than 107 million pounds of food since the pandemic began.

**b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**



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Acquisition and Distribution of healthy and nutrition fruits, vegetables, non-perishable food products and proteins to partner agencies (soup kitchens, food pantries, churches, law enforcement agencies, etc...) throughout the state of Florida. These partners agencies then distribute the food directly to persons in need in the regions and local communities that they serve. We also directly distribute food to families, children, seniors and individuals in need utilizing our fleet of semi-trucks and box trucks to take the food directly into communities not served by a partner agency.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Farm Share holds nearly 800 community food distributions each year statewide. These food distribution provide food directly to those persons identified below in high poverty communities. Farm Share frequently partners with other social service organizations to provide health screenings, educational opportunities and job training on site in conjunction with the distribution of food. Farm Share also partners with law enforcement agencies to distribute food thus helping to bridge the divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

Families, children, seniors and individuals who are hungry and living in poverty. More than 86 million meals are expected to be served to these persons statewide.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Feeding those who are hungry and fighting to end food insecurity in Florida. Farm Share tracks the total pounds of food distributed annually as well as the total number of households served.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

Farm Share has historically been reimbursed for costs incurred to acquire and distribute food. Farm Share does not receive the allocated legislative dollars unless services are performed first. Therefore, penalties are not needed since, if the deliverables are not met, no money is paid.

**13. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

#### c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number